

**U.S. DOT Certification Review of the
Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area
Transportation Planning Process**

April 15, 19-20, 2010

Washington Council of Governments, Washington, D.C

Location: COG. Rooms TBD

April 15---Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

The Federal review team will participate in the CAC scheduled meeting and engage in open dialogue with members. The discussion will address how successfully the public is able to participate in the transportation planning process in the metropolitan area.

April 19-20, Certification Review

Format for all sessions: Each topic is introduced by the federal team discussion leader, followed by a five minute overview and update by TPB staff (and other local agencies identified by the federal team). The federal team will then lead a discussion involving all participating agencies:

Participants: Citizen Advisory Committee

Washington, D.C. District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA)
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT)
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit (WMATA)
18 Cities and Counties

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DAY 1 – Monday, April 19

8:30 AM Certification Meeting (*Federal Review team only*)

Format for all sessions: The federal team discussion leader will introduce each topic, followed by a five-minute overview and update by TPB staff (and other local agencies identified by the federal team). The federal team will then lead a discussion involving all participating agencies:

9:30 AM Overview of the Certification Process of the Transportation Planning Process
This opening session will provide a brief overview of the Certification Process and summarize issues from the 2006 Certification. TPB staff will then provide an update and summary of major regional issues and priority planning activities, with discussion among all participating agencies.

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA, D.C. Division
Melissa Barlow, FTA DC Metro Office

9:45 AM Overview of the Transportation Planning Board (including Committee Structure, Agreements, Self-Certifications, Unified Planning Work Program
Discussion will include over view of the MPO and the required elements of the Transportation Planning Process through these documents and activities.

Federal Discussion Leader: Melissa Barlow, FTA DC Metro Office
John Sprowls, FTA, Headquarters
Sandra Jackson, FHWA, D.C. Division
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

10:45 AM Planning Factors, Long Range Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and State Transportation Improvement Program
Discussion will include over-all planning process and the required elements of the Transportation Planning Process through these documents and activities.

Federal Discussion Leader: Keith Lynch, FTA, Region 3
Ivan Rucker, FHWA Va. Division
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Financial Planning and Financial Constraint
This session will focus on the funding in the Long Range Plan, TIP and planning process activities leading to identification of funding sources.

Federal Discussion Leader: John Sprowls, FTA, Headquarters
Kwame Arhin, FHWA, Maryland Division
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

2:00 PM Congestion Management Process, ITS and Travel Demand Forecasting
Discussion will include requirements for Congestion Management Systems (recurring and non-recurring congestion) and travel demand modeling issues.

Federal Discussion Leader: John Sprowls, FTA, Headquarters
Kwame Arhin, FHWA
Supin Yoder, FHWA
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM **Air Quality Planning, SIP Planning and Conformity Issues**
Experiences with air quality planning, SIP issues and conformity including effectiveness of inter-agency consultation procedures.

Federal Discussion Leader: Martin Kotsch, EPA Region 3
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

4:30 PM **Adjourn**

DAY 2, Tuesday, April 20, 2010

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM **Public Involvement Process, Civil Rights, Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act**
Discussion will include over-all public involvement processes by TPB and partners and the required elements of Title VI and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Federal Discussion Leader: Melissa Barlow, FTA, D.C. Metro Office
Mohamed Dumbuya, FHWA Va. Division
Brenda Kragh, FHWA Headquarters
Resource: Anna Biton, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM **Freight Planning and Goods Movement / Transportation Management and Operations**
Discussion will include overall Freight Planning and Transportation Management and Operations

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division
Ivan Rucker, FHWA Virginia Division
Resource: Chip Millard, FHWA Headquarters

11:30 AM **Lunch**

12:15 PM **Land Use, Livability, Sustainability, Multi-modal Planning**
Discussion will include Land Use, Livability and Public Transit Issues

Federal Discussion Leader: Shana Baker, FHWA, Headquarters
Tony Cho, FTA, Region 3
Resource: Anna Biton, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

2:00 PM **Climate Change and Environmental Linkages**
This session will include discussion of Climate Change and Planning and Environmental Linkages

Federal Discussion Leader: Shana Baker, FHWA Headquarters
Keith Lynch, FTA, Region 3
Resource: Melissa Laube, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

2:55 PM **Concluding Remarks/Adjourn**

3:00 PM **Meeting of Federal Review Team to prepare preliminary observations and close-out issues**

DAY 3, Wednesday, April 21, 2010

12:00 PM **TPB Board Meeting** /Chris Lawson, FHWA DC Division Administrator
Presentation of Certification Review Preliminary Observations